

Torrance, California  
June 21, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on June 21, 1955 at 5:30 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Voorhees led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Northrup of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

AWARDS:

Sgt. D. C. Cook presented Achievement Awards in Citizenship to Paul Rowe and Carl Davis, Jr., on behalf of the Police Officers' Association, Torrance Police Department.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the first hearing on the 1955-56 Budget Estimates. He called for oral communications.

Mr. DiMayle, representing the Hollywood Riviera Homeowner's Association, inquired if there had been any provision in the Budget to allocate more patrol cars to the Riviera area at night.

City Manager Stevens advised that provision had been made in the new Budget for nine additional personnel in the Police Department. Chief Haslam explained how the patrol operated.

As there were no further protests, Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale said he understood the City government is contemplating a use tax and sales tax, and should this be adopted he would personally go along with the additional revenues from the use tax and sales tax but he thought due to the additional revenues the City could well afford to cut taxes 3¢ on the general property taxes, and stated that would be his position on the taxes.

Mayor Isen stated they would be able to increase services and probably decrease the tax rate somewhat; however, he wanted the citizens to know that the County and school rates are going up and the City Council had no control over those. He stated he was in accord with Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen announced that due to the number of persons present who were interested in Planning Commission Case No. 338, this matter would be considered first on the agenda.

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 338: Application for a Variance by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, 25701 Crenshaw Boulevard, to erect a steel hopper for mixing sand, gravel and cement (dry operation), which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with certain stipulations.

A public hearing was held on this case May 24, 1955, at which time a decision on the matter was postponed to June 14, 1955.

On June 14, 1955, the Variance was approved subject to the conditions as set forth in the communication from City Attorney Hall under date of June 10, 1955, with the exception of Item No. 5. (All conditions attached to the granting of the Variance are set forth in full in the Council Minutes of June 14, 1955). On June 14, 1955, the City Council also moved that in connection with the relocation of the hopper, the City Engineer, Building Superintendent and President of the Planning Commission select a location and report the same to the City Council, and upon approval of said location, by the City Council that said location be the spot to which the hopper shall be moved as a condition to this Variance.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following communication dated June 21, 1955, signed by Ronald W. Bishop, City Engineer, Beverly B. Smith, President of the Planning Commission and John V. Russell, Building Superintendent: "The committee appointed by your Honorable Body on June 14, 1955 to study and recommend a site for the Torrance Sand & Gravel Company hopper, after studying a very comprehensive and detailed report by the City Engineer, makes the following report: That the hopper be moved in a southerly direction a minimum of 225 feet from its present location."

Councilman Benstead inquired how they arrived at the 225 feet. Beverly Smith stated they figured an additional 225 feet would bring the hopper back more than 500 feet from the property lines of any of the homes. There would be a very minimum of the hopper showing and as soon as the trees are grown they will not be able to see it at all.

The following people protested the granting of the Variance: Mrs. Lee Storey, 2115 Winlock Road; Mr. Lee Storey, 2115 Winlock Road; George Davies, 3171 Winlock Road; Paul Helner, 25227 Weston Road; Mr. Philman; Mr. Rowle, 2038 Dalemead; Mr. Lopez; Mr. Robert Mason, 25222 Weston Road; Mr. Bennett, 3118 Cricklewood; Mr. Bob Farther, 3324 Winlock Road.

Mr. Mason inquired when this Variance would expire. City Attorney Hall advised there is no expiration.

Mr. Mason inquired if they put the hopper in without a permit. City Attorney Hall advised they put the hopper in and secured a building permit, and it was pointed out the use for the particular operation might be illegal and because they wanted this particular use is why they filed for the Variance. That is what all the conversation is about, whether or not they have the right to use the hopper the way they want to. The Council says "no" not unless they comply with certain conditions. That is the situation as it now stands.

After another discussion Mayor Isen explained there was not one member of the present City Council who was a member when the original Variance was granted and that to argue about this point was something that was beyond the control of this City Council, the only issue now is how far shall the hopper be moved--and nothing else.

Councilman Drale: I think, in due respect to the people and our investigating committee, I think our engineers have made the best possible study. I think we are trying to satisfy the majority of the people, I think the intentions of the people in that area was to have the hopper moved back without the greatest detriment to everyone involved. I think with our conditions, with our report from the committee that the hopper will be at least 500 feet or more from the closest residence.

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MOTION:

Councilman Drale moved the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company be given the Variance to operate providing they concur with the recommendation of the committee and the hopper is moved in a southerly direction a minimum of 225 feet from its present location and subject to all the conditions approved at the meeting of June 14, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Schwab: I will go along with that motion. I want to give my reasons why, because a week ago you people who were here will remember that a committee was appointed to make a study of this. That committee made a study. Now you people are here tonight arguing about more than an additional 225 feet, that is a minimum of 525 feet in all. They will go that far - they will probably go further. They have tried to point out to you people - the Engineering Department has tried to point out - that if they go beyond that they will go up in the air. I think they have done all they can do. I think they have been very fair about it. That is the reason I am going along with this motion.

Councilman Benstead: That was my reason for seconding the motion. I think their attorney asked for certain conditions at our last meeting. I think we have met those conditions and I think we have done everything you people have asked for.

Mayor Isen: We received innumerable post cards and letters from you people, most of those say, in effect, "we do not want to put the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company out of business". This has been a very difficult situation you confronted this Council with, the whole problem being none of our doing at all.

Mr. Davies inquired if they would still have to comply with these conditions within thirty days. Mayor Isen said a bona fide attempt would have to be made to comply and it would have to be followed through. City Attorney Hall said they would have to proceed with due diligence.

Mr. Block assured the Council they wanted to get started immediately and presented the following letter for the records dated June 21, 1955, signed by Charles W. Shepard, Co-Owner, and Thomas H. Block, Co-Owner: "We have read the stipulations of your meeting of June 14th, 1955 regarding our variance case number 338. We, as owners of Torrance Sand & Gravel Company hereby agree to abide by said stipulations and in addition further agree to move the controversial batching plant at least 225 feet in a southerly direction. (This will be in excess of 500 feet from the nearest home.) Trusting this will eliminate any further controversies, we remain,".

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed. Mayor Isen inquired if they intended to paint the hopper. Mr. Block stated they intend to keep it painted.

Roll call on Councilman Drale's motion: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time set for the opening of bids for ten (10) recreation equipment wagons. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
International Sheet Metal	\$1300.00, with alterations as specified
Kingdon Sheet Metal	1080.00, " " " "
Skubik Sheet Metal	1145.00, " " " "

Councilman Schwab moved the bids be referred to the City Manager and Recreation Department for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

City Manager Stevens recommended that bids be accepted for the items as indicated below, and that all other bids be rejected:

GROUP A: Petroleum Products.

- (1) That the bid of Ragsdale and Newell, for supplying regular gasoline at \$.181 per gallon for truck loads and \$.181 for truck and trailer loads and premium gasoline at \$.201 per gallon for truck loads, be accepted. The trend in the City's consumption of motor fuel is to an increasing amount of Diesel fuel and a decreasing amount of gasoline from truck and trailer loads. Based on these facts, the above bid will be the most favorable one for the fiscal year 1955-56.
- (2) That the bid of Shell Oil Company for automotive Diesel fuel in truck and trailer loads at \$.115 per gallon be accepted. This is the lowest bid for fuel that has been satisfactory for the use of the City's G. M. C. Diesel Fleet.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items (1) and (2) under Petroleum Products. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

GROUP B: Furniture and Equipment for the Fire Department.

- (1) That the bid of Reliable Glassware and Equipment Company, for furnishing kitchen equipment per specifications, in the amount of \$4,195.00, including sales tax, be accepted.
- (2) After careful study of the bids for office furniture and fixtures, it was found that the bid of Torrance Desk and Office Equipment was complete and in the total amount of \$3,910.85, plus sales tax. The bids of Parrish Stationers from their Torrance and San Pedro offices were comparable, but not complete in items. Based on previous conversations with the City Council, I judge that they might like to look at items from these and other bidders before making a final selection.

The City Council decided they did not care to look at these items. Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items (1) and (2) under Group B. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

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Group C: Motor Vehicles.

- (1) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a 21,000# G.V.W. truck and chassis per specifications, in the amount of \$3,537.33 plus sales tax, be accepted. This truck was selected because of its favorable performance and availability of service.
- (2) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a 19,500# G.V.W. Cab-Over truck and chassis per specifications, in the amount of \$3,050.00, plus sales tax, be accepted.
- (3) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a 16,000# G.V.W. truck and chassis with body and hoist per specifications, in the amount of \$2,966.00, plus sales tax, be accepted.
- (4) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a 16,000# G.V.W. truck and chassis with stake body per specifications, in the amount of \$2,513.70, plus sales tax, be accepted.
- (5) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a 3/4 ton Pick-up truck per specifications, in the amount of \$1,400.00, plus sales tax, be accepted.
- (6) That the bid of Oscar Maples for a standard 8' Panel truck per specifications, in the amount of \$1,450.00, plus sales tax, be accepted.
- (7) That the bid of Paul's Chevrolet, for four standard 1955 Business Coupes at \$1,307.02 each, plus sales tax, be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items (1) through (7), under Motor Vehicles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

GROUP D: Bookkeeping and Accounting Machine.

No recommendation at this time.

GROUP E: Office Equipment for Engineering Department.

See recommendation of the Engineering Department. The following was the recommendation of the Engineering Department:

A. From Torrance-Gardena Blue Print Company:

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| Item 1. | 3 only 37" x 72" #6010-F Hamilton Steelwood Drafting Tables | \$446.04 |
| Item 2. | 2 Only 37" x 60" #6010-E Hamilton Steelwood Drafting Tables | 274.56   |

B. From Sanders Office Supplies and Equipment:

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| Item 3. | 1 Only 78" x 38" #15004 Steelcase Conference Table | 155.12 |
| Item 4. | 2 only #1807 Steelcase 4-Drawer Legal Files        | 193.80 |
| Item 5. | 1 only #5361-F 60" x 34" Myrtle Executive Desk     | 103.74 |

Item 6. 1 only #C-70 Steelcase Posture Chair \$40.37

Item 7. 3 Only #C-43 Steelcase Side Chairs 83.52

Total \$1,297.15.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens and the Engineering Department for all items under Group E. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

GROUP F: 247th Street Sewer.

That the contract be awarded to D. R. Cleveland, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$5,451.00, and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, under Group F. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale moved for a roll call vote on all items under Groups A, B, C, E and F. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

All Items under Groups A, B, C, E and F, carried unanimously by roll call vote, with the exception of Group B (2) -- Mayor Isen abstained from voting on this one item.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said that in connection with the 247th Street Sewer there was a resolution to be presented, he read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2759

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AND D. R. CLEVELAND, DOING BUSINESS AS  
D. R. CLEVELAND SEWER CONST. CO.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2759. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communication from Realty Tax & Service Company advising they find it necessary to increase the charge to the City for daily recordings of transfers of real property in the City of Torrance from \$30.00 to \$35.00, effective July 1, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the increase. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Communication from D. C. Gatlin, 16403 Wilkie Avenue, Gardena, California, requesting (1) speed limit on 164th Street of 15 miles per hour, and (2) crossing signs printed on the street in large letters and two crossing lines between Ardath Avenue and Wilkie Avenue on 164th Street at the school bus stop.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be referred to the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

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3. Communication from the Southern California Edison Company:

"We have prepared a work order to install facilities to serve your new swimming stadium, under construction at Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

"Our estimated cost of installing and removing our equipment to serve your requirements amounts to \$840.00, of which amount we assume \$100.00. We are asking you, therefore, to guarantee the payment of the balance, or \$740.00, should it become necessary for us to remove our facilities within a three-year period, as explained in paragraph 4 of the enclosed agreement.

"Will you please sign both copies of this contract and return them to this office. An executed copy will be sent to you for your files."

City Manager Stevens recommended this be done. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Communication from John Tweeddale, 5201 Torrance Boulevard, requesting fishing concession at Walteria Lake.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

5. Claim of William T. McGiffin, Jr. and William T. McGiffin, III, for damages against the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen ordered the claim incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the City's insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Communication from American Legion Post #170 offering use of their basement as a bomb shelter.

City Manager Stevens stated he had advised them that in both the new City Hall and the Central Fire Station arrangements for basements were being made for emergencies. He also stated it would probably cost \$30,000 to build this basement under the Legion's new building and the City would have to stand the cost of this.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed and requested Mr. Stevens to reply to the letter advising them the City has made arrangements for emergencies.

7. Communication from Kauffman and Wilson, advising that provision has been made for inclusion of the name "City of Torrance" in all their future advertising.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

8. Communication from the City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works relative to sewage problems.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed and the contents noted.

9. Communication from the Huntington Construction Company, Inc., requesting information as to contemplated change in the Building Code, to permit apartment house construction in Hollywood Riviera section.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be referred to the Superintendent of Building for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

10. Communication from Rev. Harold Tuttle, Principal, Calvary Baptist Elementary School, requesting permission to circulate religious leaflets in a small section of the North Torrance area. This section would be West of Hawthorne Boulevard and North of 182nd Street.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

11. Petition from residents of Torrance bordered on the North by Sepulveda, West by Crenshaw, South by 240th Street and East by Arlington, expressing their support of the oil field clean-up campaign.

Mayor Isen ordered the petition filed with the oil field file, and requested City Manager Stevens to arrange a pre-Council meeting with the Council members to discuss our proposed ordinance. Mayor Isen requested Mr. Hallanger to have the file ready for the meeting.

12. Letter from the Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff, recommending passage of an ordinance making vaccination of dogs for prevention of rabies mandatory in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed and the Mayor set a date for a hearing on this matter. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen set the date of July 12, 1955, as the date for the hearing regarding rabies.

Mayor Isen set the date of July 26, 1955, as the date for the first reading of the ordinance.

13. Communication from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee urging the City Council not to enact a Use Tax Ordinance until final disposition of Assembly Bill No. 3111.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed and the contents noted.

14. Petition recommending the elimination of center island parkway on Vista Del Mar in Block "A", Tract No. 10300; also requesting Vista Del Mar street signs.

Councilman Benstead moved this petition be referred to the Traffic Commission and then to the Planning Commission for their recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

15. Communication from the WALTERIA Civic Organization complaining of the unsightly condition of the abandoned school property at 242nd Street, between Ward and Park Streets in WALTERIA, and requesting that immediate action be taken to clear this property.

Fire Chief Benner advised he had contacted Dr. Hull who had assured him this would be taken care of this week.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed. No objections, so ordered.

16. Communication from the WALTERIA Civic Organization expressing their thanks for the Council's prompt consideration of their request for additional police protection.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be turned over to the Chief of Police. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

17. Communication from the Torrance Unified School District expressing appreciation for the Council's action in passing a unanimous resolution endorsing the recently voted Torrance school bonds.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

18. Communication dated June 7, 1955, signed by John A. Shidler, Judge, South Bay Municipal Court, and Otto B. Willett, Judge, South Bay Municipal Court:

"In the past two and one-half years it has been a great pleasure to have had Mr. Boris Woolley associated with us here at the South Bay Municipal Court as prosecutor for the City of Torrance.

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"He so astutely and diligently prosecuted your cases, and yet with fairness treated those defendants not represented by counsel, that his replacement is difficult indeed.

"We cannot let his resignation go without this favorable comment to you."

Councilman Benstead suggested a copy be forwarded to Mr. Woolley. Mayor Isen said the communication indicated a copy had been forwarded.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

19. Communication from the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce expressing their appreciation for action taken by the Council on a request from the Chamber for a progress report on additional off-street parking; and further, expressing appreciation to City Attorney James M. Hall and his staff for the splendid cooperation given their organization on this Off-Street Parking Report.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed and the contents noted.

20. Communication from Fire Chief Benner proposing amendments and additions to City Ordinance No. 695.

Councilman Drale moved this matter be referred to the pre-Council meeting next week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested Fire Chief Benner to be present at this meeting.

21. Communication from J. Orend, Jr., License Inspector, recommending that Business License #12198, issued June 2, 1955, to Tom Amic, be refunded. This is in accordance with Section 2 (d) of Ordinance No. 743--"Where the money paid was not required by law."

Councilman Drale moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger advised the amount of the refund was \$18.00.

22. Communication from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3:

"Your action at your last meeting in requiring bids for the construction of the Sepulveda Blvd. booster station poses a few problems for the department in that we intend to install this with department labor insofar as possible. It is intended to use material from stock, where available, and to buy only that quantity actually needed to complete the work. To purchase these fittings and equipment on bid would require about nine separate concerns bidding on units costing as little as \$20.00. It does not seem economical to go to this length. The only items which will be at all expensive individually are the two pumps at \$470.00 each, the switchgear and housing at an estimated cost of \$950.00, and the concrete vault at an estimated cost of \$350.00.

"All the booster pumps in the system are Fairbanks-Morse except one, which is Byron-Jackson. Both of these concerns have local factories and service departments, which is a big item when parts and repairs are required. Similarly, the maintenance of pumps which are standardized is easier for the department crews. Fairbanks-Morse pumps of the type required are somewhat cheaper than the same unit from Byron-Jackson. We would like to install the Fairbanks-Morse units.

"The only outside labor needed will be on the electrical work and on the form for the concrete vault. The electrical work is estimated at \$250.00.

"I believe this booster station can be built much more economically by our own crews than by writing complete specifications for bidding purposes and getting a contractor to install it. Will you please reconsider your requirement for bids on all the material?"



Councilman Schwab inquired if Mr. Stevens agreed with Mr. McVicar. City Manager Stevens stated that to get plans and specifications would take quite a while. He thought Mr. McVicar should take bids informally on item by item and his crews do as much of the work as they can. Mr. Stevens said he would recommend that bids be taken informally on these items as set forth by Mr. McVicar.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. McVicar and Mr. Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

23. City Manager Stevens presented final plans and specifications for (a) Park and Recreation Projects and (b) Bathhouse and Swimming Pool.

City Manager Stevens recommended that they both be given final approval.

Councilman Drale moved the final plans for (a) the park and recreation projects and (b) the bathhouse and swimming pool, be accepted and approved. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

24. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. Doris Hamilton was employed as a Typist Clerk in the City Clerk's office on a temporary basis, effective June 6, 1955, at the first salary step. (Taken from Eligible List to replace Beulah Jewell, who is on a Sick Leave-of-Absence).
2. Carroll R. Thornton was employed as a Laborer in the Water Department, effective June 13, 1955, at the first salary step (Taken from Eligible List.)
3. Lester Lewis was employed temporarily as a Bus Operator, effective June 9, 1955, at the first salary step. (There is no Eligible List for this classification).

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items 1, 2 and 3, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of May, 1955, the sum of \$1,177.35.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### PERSONNEL:

1. David L. Baker was employed as a Laborer in the Street Department, effective June 14, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)
2. Walter R. Culverhouse was employed as a Police Officer, effective June 16, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List. He was formerly employed as a Bus Operator).
3. Charles M. Anderson was employed as a Bus Operator, in a temporary capacity pending Civil Service examination, effective June 17, 1955, at the first salary step. (No Eligible List).

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4. Kenneth E. Turner was employed as a Bus Attendant, in a temporary capacity pending Civil Service examination, effective June 18, 1955, at the first salary step. (No Eligible List).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with items 1 through 4, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from City Engineer Bishop recommending Bond No. 218241 covering subdivision improvements on Tract No. 20380, be released.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated June 10, 1955, submitting street easement from Bollenbacher and Kelton. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2760

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM WALTER BOLLENBACHER, GRACE BOLLENBACHER, LOUIS L. KELTON AND ELSA G. KELTON.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2760. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated June 10, 1955, Re: Street Easement, Miguel Yniguez; also communication dated April 25, 1955 from Attorney Albert Grossman, Re: Easement. Mayor Isen ordered both communications filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2761

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM MIGUEL YNIGUEZ AND CLARA YNIGUEZ.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2761. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Communication from City Engineer Bishop transmitting an Agreement between the City of Torrance and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District relative to the relocation, reconstruction, or modification of certain existing safety lighting and street lighting

installations, parking meter installations, and traffic signals and appurtenant facilities in the City streets. Mr. Bishop recommended that this Agreement be approved by the City Council.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2762

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COVERING THE RELOCATION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXISTING SAFETY LIGHTING AND STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS, PARKING METER INSTALLATIONS, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES IN CERTAIN TORRANCE CITY STREETS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2762. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Communication from City Engineer Bishop giving a chronological list of necessary work and procedure for the Yukon Avenue Improvement District and the estimated minimum time of accomplishment.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed. No objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale requested Mr. Bishop to forward a copy of this report to Mr. Hedgecock.

6. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 19581, consisting of 11 lots to be developed by B. & A. Investment Co., Inc., along Nly. prolongation of Cerise Avenue and the wly. prolongation of 166th Street sly. of Redondo Beach Boulevard, subject to Special Conditions: (1) That the builder remove the drainage structure and take care of the drainage in the street, and (2) That a 6' masonry wall be erected along the north side of the tract that borders the commercial area on Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 19581, subject to the Special Conditions as listed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated June 17, 1955, submitting resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract between the City of Torrance and Warren Southwest, Inc.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2763

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

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Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2763. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Communication from the Planning Commission advising: They considered the duplication of street name changes in the Hollywood Riviera district and determined that Avenue I still carries the title of Pacific Coast Highway from the existing Pacific Coast Highway where it turns North to South Helena Avenue, and recommending that the street should be identified as Avenue I.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending disapproval of CASE NO. 352, application of Houske-Carpenter for a Variance to permit rearranging parking facilities at 2516-18-20 Torrance Boulevard.

The Transmittal Form also carried the following NOTE: "The original committee (Case No. 240) recommended seven (7) parking spaces but the recommendation was over-ruled by the City Council."

Boris Woolley: I represent Dr. Houske, not as his attorney but as his friend. When I heard of this problem I also felt at that time that I probably represent a number of other citizens in the City. (Mr. Woolley explained the problem by drawing a sketch for the Council) Dr. Houske has purchased this building with his life's savings. There is not now room for him to adequately serve the people who come to see him as a doctor. He proposes to build a 15' x 20' room to put in an X-ray to have better medical facilities. There is room now to park 10 cars here. My understanding of the history of the case is that this building was built about three years ago by Mr. Miller. At that time the Planning Commission recommended 7 parking places and the Council apparently overruled the Planning Commission. Dr. Houske wants to put this small addition on there. It is going to replace 2 parking places. That is what he would be doing -eliminating 2 parking places -leaving an area for parking 8 instead of 10 cars. I do not believe you can compare the services to many, many sick people that the doctor's office will provide, to 2 cars,-a parking place for 2 cars. The City Council had a similar problem when Bert Lynn built an addition on the back of Dr. Stetson's office. That Variance was granted and I believe I know why. This Council felt the doctor provided more services than a parking place for 2 cars. That is Dr. Houske's problem. I know you men have the public welfare at heart. You sacrifice your time without remuneration because you have the welfare of all the people of Torrance at heart and I am sure you can't compare the additional services of a medical office to that of 2 parking places.

Mayor Isen: There are two tenants there. Do you know how they feel about it?

Mr. Woolley: They are both favorable toward it. In fact, I know of no opposition to it.

Mayor Isen: I would like to go with your line of thinking, Mr. Woolley, I think the doctor is entitled to it.

Councilman Drale: I will make the motion to grant the Variance but the only thing that bothers me -I would like to go back and grant it subject to the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 240, which recommended the 7 parking spaces.

Mr. Mulvihill: What the Planning Commission was worried about was the fact that the Council had asked for that 50-60'. They did not feel they should take away from it but should leave that decision up to the City Council.

Councilman Drale moved to recommend the granting of this Variance, subject to the original recommendation of the Planning Commission in Case No. 240.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Drale's motion.

Councilman Schwab: I think the Planning Commission did give this a lot of study. Torrance Boulevard is going to get busier. I cannot go along with this until it goes back to the Planning Commission.

Dr. Houske: When I bought this property it was with the idea this Variance would be granted. I asked the real estate agent, Mr. Percy, who told me I would have no difficulty whatsoever in obtaining the Variance because it would be necessary for my operation. I then went to the Planning Commission, and I think I assumed that as long as the Planning Commission had recommended 7 parking places that the City Council would approve it on an over-all basis. At least I bought the building with that idea in mind.

Councilman Drale: I think the City would be further ahead by the additional taxes than by two parking places.

Councilman Benstead: You people have continually hollered about down-town parking, now you want to muss it up.

Mayor Isen: I think we should encourage our business and professional people. I think the request is reasonable.

Councilman Benstead: I would be willing to send it back to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Blount: So would I, but I don't believe in turning the Planning Commission down on the basis of a very eloquent plea.

Councilman Drale rescinded his previous motion. Mayor Isen rescinded his second.

Councilman Drale moved to send Case No. 352 back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale: I think the Planning Commission was right in the first place by recommending the 7 parking places and I would like to concur with their original recommendation. I am sorry I have to reverse myself at this time but sometimes you have to.

Councilman Schwab: It is not my intention of trying to work a hardship on anyone and I am not going out on a limb and say that just 2 cars are going to create such a vast difference in the parking up and down that street, but I will go along with that, I think it should be referred back to the Planning Commission for further study.

Mrs. Houske: I checked with Mr. Miller, who is the man who sold us the building and he said he was given a verbal permission by the Planning Commission, he talked to George Powell who told him it was all right to build a 20 x 20 structure on the back of the lot. There are even two bolts on the outside of the building. Mayor Isen suggested she give this information to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale repeated his motion. He moved to refer Case No. 352 back to the Planning Commission for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### REPORTS:

1. Report from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, dated June 14, 1955, with five letters attached, relative to lost ticket books. Mr. Chamberlain recommended that the City of Torrance theft policy be expanded to cover the loss of commutation books due to theft.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Chamberlain. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Report from City Engineer Bishop on the Anza Avenue Improvement, dated June 17, 1955.

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"\*\*\*If we are to fill in this ditch northerly of 229th Street to make this section exactly similar to the section northerly of Lomita Blvd., it will be necessary to install about 500 ft. of 18-inch corrugated metal pipe at a cost of about \$1500.00 for the pipe and couplers. This ditch is intended to be abandoned, eventually, when the sumps are abandoned and Anza drainage continued southerly into Walteria Lake. This latter waits upon the proper control of drainage in Walteria Lake by construction of a recharging basin, exploratory drilling for the location of which is now under way."

Mr. Richard S. Sliff, 22917 Anza Avenue, presented a petition to the City Council requesting that lower Anza Avenue be improved the same as that part of Anza Avenue adjoining to the north.

Mayor Isen ordered the report and petition filed.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the improvements on Anza Avenue, after which Councilman Blount moved to install about 500 ft. of 18-inch corrugated metal pipe at a cost of about \$1500.00. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Ralph Smith, 29302 Anza Avenue inquired if this motion was to carry the line down to the South end of the tract. City Engineer Bishop said this 500' only takes it down to 230th Street, it would take another 400' to take it to the end of the tract.

After another lengthy discussion of this problem, Councilman Drale moved this be referred to Mr. Ralph Perkins of the Street Department to see that this drain is cleaned out and make a recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Drale said he felt that if this first part is taken care of and the ditch cleaned out the problem will be solved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce concerning the request of Welcome Wagon, Inc. to operate in Torrance.

The Chamber recommended that permission be granted Welcome Wagon to operate in Torrance upon payment of usual license fee.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Report from H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, relative to use of drainage sumps for extra playgrounds and Little League parks.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the next meeting. No objections, so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2764

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED DATED JUNE 1, 1955, FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ACCEPTING INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1955, FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDATION THEREOF.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2764. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall requested that these documents be referred to him.

Councilman Drale moved the documents be referred to Mr. Hall. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 2765

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE MANAGER (WATER SYSTEM), RECREATION ATTENDANT AND SUPERVISOR OF MEN'S AND BOYS' ACTIVITIES.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2765. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2766

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CANCELLING THE CIVIL SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2766. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2767

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST & SAVINGS ASSOC., DATED AUGUST 5, 1952, DESIGNATING THE BANK OF AMERICA AS THE PAYING AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER BOND ISSUE OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2767. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 749

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 335.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 749 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 750

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN WALKWAY IN TRACT NO. 18416, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 750 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 751

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENTITLED "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, 1954", PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES HEREINAFTER SET OUT.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 751 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 752

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 236 BY CHANGING THE IMPOUNDING FEES AND LICENSE FEES FOR DOGS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 280, 560 AND 568.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 752 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending the request of Squires Investment Co. Inc., 4147, 229th Street, for waiver of the 20' front yard setback to 15', be approved, per sketch attached to Form 100, Tract 20773.

As the sketch was not available, Councilman Drale moved this matter be held up for further information. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending the request of Mr. Schwartz for waiver of front yards, Tract No. 20873, per letter and Exhibit "A" attached, be approved.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding front yard waivers in Tract No. 20873. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending the request of Everett Powell for waiver of 20' front yard setback to 15', on Lots, 3, 4, 5 and 6, per letter attached, be approved.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated June 21, 1955:

"In obtaining the easement for road purposes along the westerly side of the Hollywood Riviera School from Dr. Ellinwood, we got a 30-foot strip along the easterly side of Via Colusa from the Palos Verdes City Limits to Paseo de Granada, and a 60-foot easement to Avenida Atezada.

"Since then, Mr. Harry Kissel has had approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council, Tract Map No. 20772, located easterly of Via Colusa and northerly of the Hollywood Riviera School site. You will note on the attached map that our easement from Dr. Ellinwood takes a portion of Lot 85 and a portion of Lot 86 of this tract. The subdivider is asking that this portion of the street easement be returned to this property.

"At the present time this portion of the easement is not in use. Therefore, I would like to recommend that this portion go through the necessary legal procedure to eliminate it as a street, as we are obtaining a better alignment under Tract No. 20772.

"The Title Company has stated that if the City Council indicates that they will take the necessary legal steps to return a portion of this easement back to the land. The Title Company will release this tract on a letter stating that it is the City Council's desire to do so."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Asst. to City Engineer Patrick. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale requested the following two matters be referred to the Traffic Commission:

- (a) At the corner of Post and Cravens, either a 4-way Stop or a traffic signal in the center of the street.
- (b) A traffic signal at 171st and Crenshaw.

Councilman Benstead requested that the sign being erected at Carson and Crenshaw be checked to see that they have taken out a permit. Mayor Isen referred this to the Building Department.

Councilman Blount requested a meeting of the City Council and the Chief of Police, preferably between the hours of 12:00 noon and 3:00 o'clock.

Mayor Isen set the meeting for 2:00 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 1955. Mayor Isen requested that the Council members be reminded of this meeting and that the Chief of Police be notified.

City Manager Stevens advised that it is necessary for the City Council to designate who will print the bonds in the Bond Issue which we are to sell on July 12th. The Jeffrey Bank Note Company in Los Angeles is the only company in the area who does this. City Manager Stevens recommended that the Jeffrey Bank Note Company be designated to print the bonds which will be sold on July 12th.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Walter Matz, 20240 Hawthorne Avenue, said he was speaking on behalf of the residents in that area and they were here to protest the issuance of a license, Beer-On Sale, at 20234. He stated it would be a detriment to the children in the area, a menace to the people in the area and he did not believe it was in the right zone. He stated they have filed their protests with the State Board of Equalization.

Councilman Drale requested a copy of this be forwarded to the Chief of Police and to George Powell.

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Mr. Sues, 1734 234th Street, recommended the City Council consider a noise abatement ordinance in structural and mechanical maintenance of oil wells and industrial places, which should be governed to suit the needs of the City. Mr. Sues said it was not his intent to infringe on a large corporation but he did think there was a need for such an ordinance, he didn't think the normal maintenance of an oil well required drilling all night. He suggested a permit be required for re-drilling.

City Attorney Hall said there were a lot of problems regarding this matter.

As there were no objections, Mayor Isen referred this matter to City Attorney Hall to come up with suggestions for such an ordinance.

Mr. Sues said arrangements could be made so the City Manager could issue permits if it was found that a company had to work all night.

City Manager Stevens stated they did take out a permit for drilling but not for maintenance.

Mr. Sues, 1734 234th Street, said that several citizens had requested him to ask the City Council to consider an ordinance to require all dump trucks hauling fertilizer, sand, rocks or other materials, to be covered.

Mayor Isen referred this matter to City Attorney Hall for a recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:55 p. m., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

A. H. Bartlett  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

By *J. J. Hillanger*  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance